



Ecotourism Melanesia

Discover Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands

EM106 **MAINLAND NEW GUINEA ADVENTURE TOUR** - 14 or 21 days **GROUP TOUR** (4-16 people)
Trek and Raft the Vanapa River (Central Province), Kayak and Dive the Tufi Fjords, Climb Mt Wilhelm, Trek from Goroka to Brahman, Dive and snorkel in Madang
Tour operates on-demand, any date.

- Day 1 **PORT MORESBY**
Arrive Port Moresby and transfer to hotel. Short familiarisation tour of Port Moresby city. Evening briefing at your hotel.
Overnight hotel (includes breakfast only).
- Day 2 Day 3 Day 4 **VANAPA RIVER**
Depart Port Moresby by road for Vanapa River approximately two hours north along the Hiritano Highway, accompanied by guides and tour support crew. Upon reaching the village of Kerea, porters will load up and the group will commence hiking upstream. Our trek takes us up into the upper reaches of the Vanapa Valley past waterfalls, lush jungle, exotic plants, ancient ferns and towering trees. We cross over mountains, encounter village gardens and pass through the village of Famé. Our 3 nights are spent in jungle camps where our camp masters prepare the camp and cook up sumptuous meals over the open fire. Our evenings are spent enjoying a brew around the fire chatting about our adventures and taking in the peace and tranquillity of the jungle. Our last night of trekking is spent at the head of the Vanapa River where we make preparations for our exhilarating white water rafting experience down the river.
3 nights jungle camps (all food and equipment supplied - BYO sleeping bag and personal gear only).
- Day 5 **VANAPA RIVER**
Commence rafting down river to our lunch destination. Enjoy picnic lunch by the river. After lunch we continue rafting down river past spectacular scenery, fresh water crocodiles and other wildlife and wilderness jungle to our overnight camp at "Club Crocodile". Settle into camp as your crew prepare your accommodation and a barbeque dinner. Perhaps after dinner you may like to try your hand at fishing or simply relax by the campfire savouring the peace and tranquillity the jungle offers.
Overnight riverside camp.
- Day 6 **VANAPA RIVER / PORT MORESBY**
Our morning begins with a hearty cooked breakfast, including bacon, sausages, eggs and toast. We break camp and raft down to the village of Famé where we lunch and take in the cultural delights, sample the village life, feast on fresh fruit and shop for some crafts. We also have time for a swim and canoe ride across the river. Onwards towards Club Bamboo for an Afternoon Tea stop

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before we continue our paddle to our pick up point for our transportation back to Port Moresby.

Overnight hotel (includes breakfast only).

Day 7

TUFI

Fly from Port Moresby to Tufi on either scheduled flight or charter flight. Check in at Tufi Resort. Spend the next three days exploring and enjoying this spectacular natural playground with crystal clear water and blooming reefs. Daily snorkelling and diving trips to fringing and outer reefs. Kayaks and native outrigger canoes available for paddling yourself around to explore the magnificent Nordic-style but very tropical fjords formed by the outflow of lava from nearby Mt Victory thousands of years ago. Scenic hiking also available. (Tufi Resort is situated within the tiny Tufi government station area and all activities require transport out to locations for diving, snorkelling etc.)

Overnight Tufi Resort (includes all meals)

Day 8

TUFI

Snorkelling, diving, kayaking, canoeing, swimming and day hiking ex-Tufi Resort.

Overnight Tufi Resort (includes all meals).

Day 9

TUFI

Snorkelling, diving, kayaking, canoeing, swimming and day hiking ex-Tufi Resort.

Overnight Tufi Resort (includes all meals).

Day 10

TUFI

Today your tour group will be split into smaller groups and you will be transferred by outrigger canoe or motorised dinghy to one of the village guest houses situated along the Tufi coastline. Here you will have your own private beach where you can walk from your beach hut straight into the water and swim, snorkel or paddle from dawn till dusk. (Scuba diving not available at the villages.) Here also you will be treated to the best local-style food and some cultural education in the form of a village sing-sing in the evening.

Overnight village beach hut, Tufi (includes all meals).

Day 11

TUFI / MT WILHELM

Morning transfer to Tufi airfield for flight to Port Moresby, connects with flight to Goroka. On arrival in Goroka, depart Goroka by road along the scenic Highlands Highway through the verdant Daulo Pass, a biodiversity hotspot. Passing into the Chimbu Province and through the provincial capital Kundiawa you will drive up to the little town of Kegesugl and overnight here to prepare to continue on foot tomorrow morning.

Overnight Betty's Guest House, Kegesugl (includes all meals).

Day 12

MT WILHELM

Commence hiking with your guides up the scenic lower slopes of Mt Wilhelm, arriving at Lake Pinude in the afternoon. Lake Pinude is the base camp for climbing to the summit. Here you will stay at the base camp guest house which is rather more basic but adequate for resting up and getting used to the higher altitude. After a hot dinner, turn in early to get some sleep before rising in the middle of the night to climb to the summit.

Overnight base camp guest house (includes meals).

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- Day 13
MT WILHELM
 Rise at 2.30am and commence the 3-hour climb to the summit by lamp light. The track is wide and clear and easy to walk in the dark by moonlight or lamp light. Clear views from the summit of Mt Wilhelm are only possible at sunrise before cloud cover obscures the vista so it is important to reach the summit by 6.00am. Your guides will carry hot tea flasks to keep you warm. This is not a technical climb and no special equipment is required but you will need to be fit, you will need warm clothing and you must be aware of the possibility of altitude sickness. (If you have any doubt about your ability to gain the summit, you can wait at base camp.)
 By 7.00am, descend from the summit, stop for late breakfast at base camp and continue down to Kegesugl arriving late afternoon.
 Overnight Betty's Guest House, Kegesugl (includes all meals).
- Day 14
GOROKA
 Rise early and depart Kegesugl at 5.00am arriving Goroka 9.00am.
[If you are taking the 14-day tour you will check in for your flight to Port Moresby and connect with your international flight to Singapore. If connecting to Brisbane or Cairns you may require an extra night in Port Moresby].

 If you are taking the 21-day tour you will spend today in Goroka to rest-up before the trek to Brahman. An optional tour of Goroka township is available, otherwise guides are available to walk around the town area with you (shops, markets).
 Overnight hotel (includes breakfast only).
- Day 15
GOROKA / TREKKING TO BRAHMAN
 Short road transfer from Goroka town to Akameku village which is the start of the Sir Pita Lus Track from Goroka to the Brahman mission station in Madang Province. A small crew of guides will accompany you on the trek to carry food and equipment. You will sleep on mats in village huts: bring your own sleeping bag or we can lend you one. Meals are a combination of local food vegetables provided by villagers and some dry rations and tinned food carried by the porters.
 Overnight Wande Village
- Day 16
TREKKING TO BRAHMAN
 Overnight Gepeni Village
- Day 17
TREKKING TO BRAHMAN
 Overnight Gepeguhiza Village
- Day 18
TREKKING TO BRAHMAN
 Overnight Brahman Mission Station
- Day 19
MADANG
 Road transfer from Brahman down to Madang town (3-4 hours). Check in at Jais Aben Resort, about 10 minutes drive out of town. Snorkelling, swimming, scuba diving available.
 Overnight Jais Aben Resort (includes breakfast only)
- Day 20
MADANG
 Snorkelling, diving etc at Jais Aben Resort OR full-day culture and nature tour.
 Overnight Jais Aben Resort (includes breakfast only)

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Day 21

MADANG / PORT MORESBY

Morning flight from Madang to Port Moresby connects with afternoon flight to Singapore. (For Air Niugini connections to Brisbane and Cairns, an additional overnight in Port Moresby is required.)

Ecotourism Melanesia will provide assistance with transfers.

TOUR COST (rack rates, valid till end 2007)

PER PERSON	4-9 pax, no FOC	10-16 pax, tour leader FOC
21 days	USD 6,984	USD 6,653
14 days	USD 5,452	USD 5,137

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- meet and greet at Port Moresby airport
- short tour of Port Moresby if time allows
- two nights three star hotel accommodation in Port Moresby (Day 1 and Day 6)
- 4 nights Vanapa River rafting trip including all road transfers, rafting and camping equipment, food, guides and porters, qualified rafting crew
- return scheduled or charter flights between Port Moresby and Tufi
- three nights accommodation and meals at Tufi Resort
- daily excursions at Tufi for kayaking, outrigger canoeing, snorkelling or hiking. Scuba diving costs are not included - pay as you go as not all tour group members will be qualified divers
- one night beach hut accommodation, local-style meals and unlimited swimming/snorkelling/canoeing at a village guest house near Tufi (includes transfers and cultural performance)
- economy airfare from Port Moresby to Goroka
- 3 nights Climb Mt Wilhelm trip ex-Goroka including road transfers, accommodation as specified, meals and guides
- economy airfare from Goroka (14 days tour) or Madang (21 days tour) to Port Moresby
- 1 night 3 star hotel accommodation in Goroka with breakfast (21 days tour)
- optional drive-around tour of Goroka town and/or guides available for walking tour
- 4 nights trek from Goroka to Madang including all road transfers, food and equipment, guides, village gratuities
- 2 nights standard accommodation at Jais Aben Resort, Madang including breakfast and some activities. Scuba diving additional cost.
- optional culture and nature tour, Madang
- PNG country map
- Ecotourism Melanesia souvenir polo shirt

TOUR EXCLUSIONS:

- international airfares
- bottled water (BYO or ask village hosts to boil water for you)
- tips (not essential, but appreciated for exceptional service)
- souvenirs and items of a personal nature
- bar drinks
- lunches on some travelling days (purchase snacks from shops en route)
- visa fees
- other meals not specified as included in the tour

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TOUR NOTES:

1. The general terms and conditions applicable to this tour are those specified on your invoice and on the Booking page of our website.
2. All accommodation quoted is twin-share. On payment of a single supplement of an additional 10% of the per person rate, we will arrange single occupancy wherever single rooms are available. No partial refund on the single supplement is claimable for destinations where single occupancy is not available or not provided, ie we will do our best but no promises and no refunds.
3. Destinations are subject to change in response to local conditions. Where travel to a specified destination is contraindicated by local conditions, travel to an alternative destination of similar value with similar activities will be provided where possible, but claims for partial refunds based on quality of substitute activities will not be entertained.

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